



# Getting the Wipes out!

Why focus on wipe legislation

20 of 32 MWRA communities:  
main cause of clogs



BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION



## Springfield pump station

A 6 month (Jan 2020 to June 2020) log shows 122 call outs for rag removal from pumps.

It requires a significant amount of labor that could be better spent on other issues.

Labor alone: ~ \$30,000





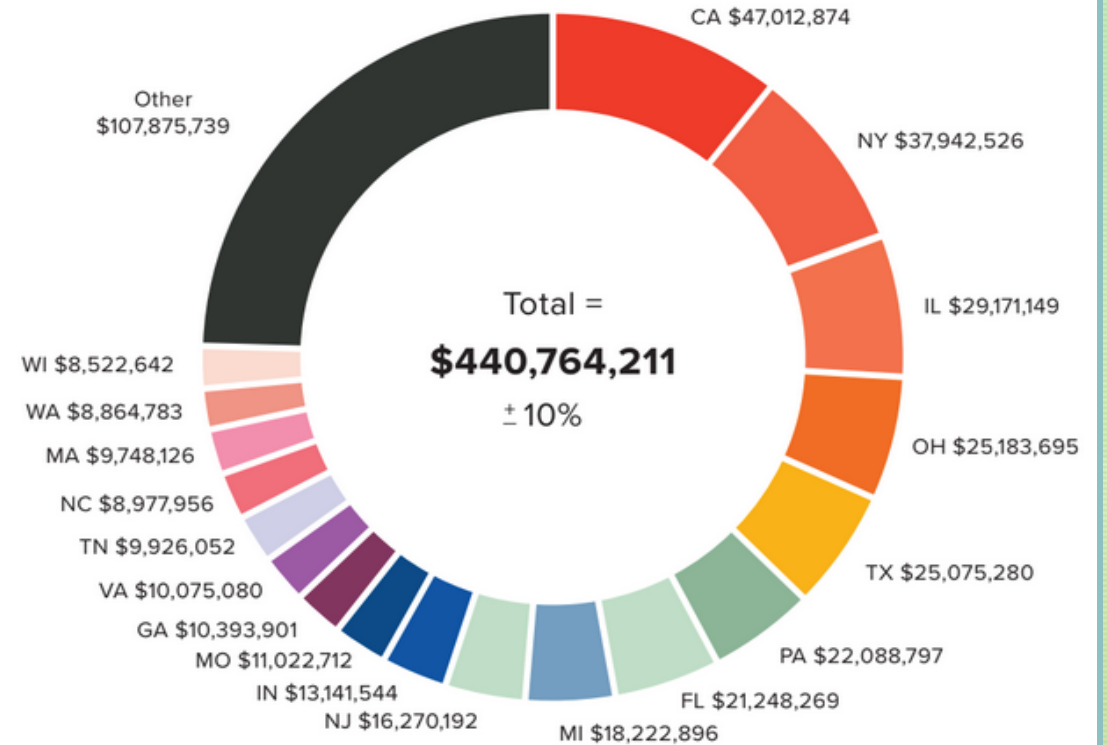




National cost estimates →

Annual 2019 cost for MA utilities:  
\$9.75 million

Cost of Wipes by State (2019)



# Washington Lawmaker, Cities, and Wipes Industry Applaud Governor Inslee's Signing of First State Law Mandating "Do Not Flush" Labeling for Certain Disposable Wipes



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CARY, N.C., March 26, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Washington Representative Joe Fitzgibbon (D-34) joined the Association of Washington Cities and INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry, in applauding Governor Inslee's signing of HB 2565, a law intended to address the labeling of certain disposable wipes.

The law, spearheaded by Rep. Fitzgibbon, Chairman of the Washington House Environment and Energy Committee, represents a months-long cooperative effort between a coalition of Washington wastewater and municipal sector organizations and this legislation in response to concerns voiced by Washington sewer utilities and industry to find a common sense solution to the problem of flushing certain categories of wipes that are not designed to be disposed in sewer systems. The law is intended to address the labeling of certain disposable wipes.

Rep. Fitzgibbon, chairman of the Washington House Environment and Energy Committee, joined the Association of Washington Cities and INDA, the trade association representing the wipes industry, in applauding Governor Inslee's signing of HB 2565, a law intended to address the labeling of certain disposable wipes.

"I was pleased to sponsor legislation that consumers are flushing the problem of these wipes that are not designed to be disposed in sewer systems. The law appropriately addresses the labeling of certain disposable wipes."

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BREAKING NEWS

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